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'Joy of the day' sullied by Caribana Creepers

POLICE

Revellers say filmers were taking indecent shots of women

Alicia Rose was with the Louis Saldenah masquerade band, about to dance her way past the judges at Saturday's Scotiabank Caribbean Carnival paradex, when she noticed a cluster of men who were clearly not part of the group.

Disparagingly known among carnival participants as "stormers" — unwelcome people who elbow their way into the masquerade parade — the four men were being repeatedly asked to leave by members of Saldenah, because the group didn't want stragglers costing them points.

According to Rose, the men would briefly leave, only to return a few minutes later.

It was during one of their returns that a Saldenah member made a disturbing observation: One of the men had what appeared to be a camera attached to his belt, and was "clearly filming girls' butts," Rose said.

Another man was holding a camera "and he was putting his hand down between girls' legs as they were dancing," she said.

"We started yelling at them and they really didn't do anything. They didn't leave — they kind of laughed at us," Rose said. "And then we just started pulling girls away from them so that they wouldn't be caught on camera.

"It was upsetting, it was distracting from our celebration. It felt very disrespectful to the culture."

Rose notified Toronto police about the incident and said two officers took a statement from her Sunday. She and others hope video of the men surfaces, catching them in the act and aiding the investigation.

Betty Toney at the Scotiabank Toronto Caribbean Carnival on Saturday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

In the meantime, Rose and others have taken to social media in an effort to identify the men. Shortly after discovering the "stormers" were taking illicit photos or videos, Rose began taking photos of her own showing two of the men.

She and others have now begun circulating those photos on Facebook and Twitter, some tweeting the men's images with the hashtag #CaribanaCreepers. Rose also provided the photos to investigators.

Craigg Slowly, a spokesman for the Caribbean Carnival festival, said organizers have been made aware of the incident and will co-operate however they can.

The incident detracted from the joy of Saturday's parade, the highlight of the Caribbean festival and a popular attraction for thousands of participants and spectators alike, Rose said.

"To feel so unsafe, and have to feel worried about what you were doing or how you were acting … just made the whole day really uncomfortable. It took away from the joy of the day."

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UBER

Councillor confronts driver

A Toronto councillor has taken his fight against Uber to the streets by confronting a driver for the app-based car service outside a home in the city's east end.

On Friday, Jim Karygiannis, the representative for Scarborough-Agincourt, followed a minivan to a house in his ward and told the driver that using the app to pick up fares was illegal, a hotly debated claim.

"I went to speak to the driver and asked him why he was driving for UberX and was he not aware that UberX was an unlicensed operation and that he was breaking Ontario laws and municipal rules and regulations."

Lauren Reyes-Grange, who summoned the UberX driver to pick her up from her parents' home, described Karygiannis' demeanour as "very aggressive, very angry. Saying she and her family were "shaken" and "annoyed," Reyes-Grange told the Star she plans to file a complaint about the councillor with the city integrity commissioner.

Karygiannis denies speaking to Reyes-Grange. "I was speaking to the driver. They came out, when they came out, I left," he said in a brief interview. "I did not bully anybody, I did not push anybody around." He neither confirmed nor denied venturing onto private property to talk to the driver.

Uber Canada maintains all of its services are operating legally. A judge who dismissed the city's attempt to slap an injunction on Uber last month found the corporation had not breached the city's current bylaws.

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Accessibility campaign, one blog post at a time

RESTAURANTS

Reviewers, U of T spotlight unrestricted city venues

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Silvia Guido loves Toronto's food scene.

But, she hates the idea that many of her physiotherapy patients can't go to their favourite restaurants and bars because they're not accessible.

Guido's working to change that — one restaurant review at a time — on her blog AccessTO.

The blog started as a personal project a few years ago but has started picking up steam — and attention — as Guido recruits more and more volunteers to write accessibility reviews. She recently partnered with University of Toronto researchers interested in figuring out the best way to spread the word about the city's most accessible spots.

The website's reviews examining everything from entrances to table heights at eateries across the city.

Rather than reviewing restaurants that could improve accessibility, the blog only covers places that meet set standards.

"We should celebrate the places that are thinking about it and are accessible," she said. "It means a lot to people that there are others out there who might not have a disability but are still going out of their way to remove barriers.

"If we can highlight some of the great places, then I'm hoping restaurants that aren't accessible will be more inclined to look at their own spaces."

HOW TO GET IT RIGHT

When Guido or one of her volunteer writers visit a restaurant, here are some of the things they're looking for:

- Are tables an appropriate height for someone in wheelchair?
- Can someone with a mobility device move through the restaurant?
- Are there issues with carpets or level changes in the flooring?
- Are entrances free of obstructions, and equipped with ramps and automatic openers?
- Are there elevators?
- Are washrooms equipped with handles and grab bars? Is the sink an appropriate height?

Lydia Beck (left) and Silvia Guido, reviewers for the AccessTO blog, agree that the Celestin Restaurant on Mt. Pleasant Road sets a great example for the Toronto service industry, seeing as the entire space is accessible for both staff and patrons. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

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Transit cash tops Tory's wish list

POLITICS

Mayor says NDP, Tories have pledged cash for Toronto

Luke Simcoe
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Money: That's what he wants.

It's at the top of Mayor John Tory's mind in the lead-up to a federal election.

"My first priority is transit funding," the mayor told Metro. "And I'm looking for permanent money, in the sense that it's not here today and gone tomorrow and based on a fair method of allocation."

Tory said both the NDP and the Conservatives have pledged cash for transit in Toronto. The latter has pledged $2.5 billion to Tory's SmartTrack rail plan, while the NDP has promised a flexible infrastructure fund that cities could use to pay for a variety of projects, including transit.

"The Liberal program is hazier," Tory said. "During the election I will be looking to them to be more specific about their commitment to transit in Toronto in general, and SmartTrack in particular."

After transit, the mayor said he'll be angling for money to bolster the city's affordable housing stock, something both the Liberals and NDP have agreed to.

Tory had kind words for NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, who trumpeted Toronto as Canada's "most important city" during a series of local pre-election speeches.

"I've been in politics a long time and I cannot remember a national politician having the courage to say Toronto is the most important city in the country," he said. "That's just a fact.

"It doesn't mean it's the best city, although I think it is, but it just means it's the single most important city in the country in terms of its size and economic activity."

Despite his applause for Mulcair, Tory — former leader of the Progressive Conservatives in Ontario — said he won't endorse a party during the election.

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Clash of the candidates

In the long election campaign ahead, there will be many stories about many candidates in Toronto's 25 ridings. Here are three ridings that we think are shaping up to be the most interesting battles in the city.

JESSICA SMITH CROSS METRO

RIDINGS TO WATCH

1. Eglinton-Lawrence

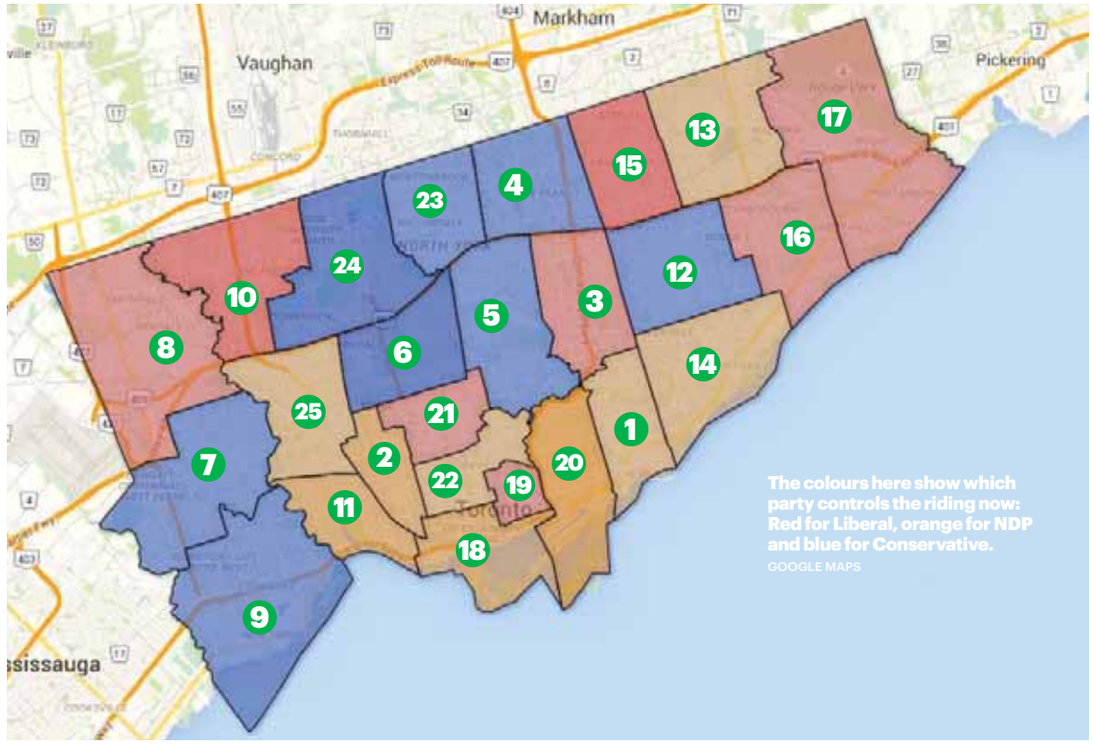
Eglinton-Lawrence was a Liberal stronghold for 42 years, before Conservative Finance Minister Joe Oliver won it in 2011. Until last week, it looked the Liberal candidate might have been former Conservative Eve Adams — who was welcomed by Justin Trudeau crossed over to seek the Liberal nomination. But she lost to a longtime Liberal, prosecutor Marco Mendicino.

2. Spadina-Fort York

The folks at the Sun christened this race the "Headlina in Spadina," and they're not wrong about that. Olivia Chow and Adam Vaughan are two big-name progressives in Toronto, and they will make big news. Vaughan has already taken a dig at Chow, calling her a "serial quitter," for leaving city hall, federal politics, mid-term, and now leaving her teaching job at Ryerson for federal politics.

3. University-Rosedale

University-Rosedale is one of the ridings worth watching because it's new: it's made up of Rosedale, which used to be part of Toronto Centre and vote Liberal, and The Annex, which used to be part of Trinity-Spadina, and vote NDP. Both the NDP and the Liberals are running star candidates: The NDP's Jennifer Hollett is a former MuchMusic VJ, and Liberal Chrystia Freeland is a former journalist, author and the current MP for Toronto Centre.



The colours here show which party controls the riding now: Red for Liberal, orange for NDP and blue for Conservative.
GOOGLE MAPS

1 Beaches-East York
Conservative: Bill Burrows
Liberal: Nathaniel Erskine-Smith
NDP: Matthew Kellway

2 Davenport
Conservative: Carlos Oliveira
Liberal: Julie Dzerowicz
NDP: Andrew Cash

3 Don Valley East
Conservative: Maureen Harquail
Liberal: Yasmin Ratansi
NDP: Khalid Ahmed

4 Don Valley North
Conservative: Joe Daniel
Liberal: Geng Tan
NDP: Akil Sadikali

5 Don Valley West
Conservative: John Carmichael
Liberal: Rob Oliphant
NDP: No candidate

6 Eglinton-Lawrence
Conservative: Joe Oliver
Liberal: Marco Mendicino
NDP: No candidate

7 Etobicoke Centre
Conservative: Ted Opitz
Liberal: Borys Wrzesnewskyj
NDP: No candidate

8 Etobicoke North
Conservative: No candidate
Liberal: Kirsty Duncan
NDP: Faisal Hassan

9 Etobicoke-Lakeshore
Conservative: Bernard Trottier
Liberal: James Maloney
NDP: Phil Trotter

10 Humber River-Black Creek
Conservative: No candidate
Liberal: Judy Sgro
NDP: No candidate

11 Parkdale-High Park
Conservative: No candidate
Liberal: Arif Virani
NDP: Peggy Nash

12 Scarborough Centre
Conservative: Roxanne James
Liberal: Salma Zahid
NDP: Alex Wilson

13 Scarborough North
Conservative: Ravinder Malhi
Liberal: Shaun Chen
NDP: Rathika Sitsabaiesan

14 Scarborough Southwest
Conservative: No candidate
Liberal: Bill Blair
NDP: Dan Harris

15 Scarborough-Agincourt
Conservative: Bin Chang
Liberal: Arnold Chan
NDP: Laura Patrick

16 Scarborough-Guildwood
Conservative: Chuck Konkel
Liberal: John McKay
NDP: Laura Casselman

17 Scarborough-Rouge Park
Conservative: Jerry Bance
Liberal: Gary Anandasangaree
NDP: Kantharatnam Shanthikumar

18 Spadina-Fort York
Conservative: Sabrina Zuniga
Liberal: Adam Vaughan
NDP: Olivia Chow

19 Toronto Centre
Conservative: Julian DiBattista
Liberal: Bill Morneau
NDP: Linda McQuaig

20 Toronto-Danforth
Conservative: Tim Dutaud
Liberal: Julie Dabrusin
NDP: Craig Scott

21 Toronto-St. Paul's
Conservative: Marnie MacDougall
Liberal: Carolyn Bennett
NDP: Noah Richler

22 University-Rosedale
Conservative: Karim Jivraj
Liberal: Chrystia Freeland
NDP: Jennifer Hollett

23 Willowdale
Conservative: Chungsen Leung
Liberal: Ali Ehsassi
NDP: Pouyan Tabasinejad

24 York Centre
Conservative: Mark Adler
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Traveller's amazing volunteer career

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She's been to 3 Super Bowls, 3 Olympics, now Pan Am Games

Barbara Baker is what you might call a serial volunteer.

The retired schoolteacher from Phoenix, Ariz., has almost made a second career out of volunteering at large sporting events.

She's volunteered at three Super Bowls and has travelled to three recent Winter Olympics: Salt Lake City 2002, Turin 2006 and Sochi 2014. Now, she's in Toronto, where she just finished up a stint volunteering at the Pan Am Games and is gearing up for the Parapan Am Games.

Some might say she's foolish for working on vacation, but Baker says it's the perfect way to combine her love of travel with her penchant for volunteer work.

"I'm giving back to the community," she said. "It may not be the community I live in, but it's a part of the world that I live in."

Baker's six-week stay in Toronto includes working on the opening and closing ceremonies for the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games. The gig is practical for Baker, who has her eyes set on Rio 2016.

"When I heard about the Pan Am Games, I thought, 'Well, maybe I should do a summer games before I do the Olympics,'" she said, although her volunteer spot in Brazil has yet to be confirmed.

Back home in Phoenix, she's also an avid volunteer, co-leading a Girl Scout troop and working with students in a Grade 2 classroom.

Baker is quick to donate her time, despite a tough life. In 1970, while in college, she was diagnosed with lupus. Several years later, she went into renal failure and had to undergo a kidney transplant.

Luckily, the transplant was successful. On July 24, she celebrated the 30th anniversary of the surgery by doing an EdgeWalk at the CN Tower. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Barbara Baker does the CN Tower EdgeWalk on Friday, July 24. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Simcoe Day unfolds at Fort York

People take part in Simcoe Day celebrations Monday at Fort York National Historic Site. In the above photo, Eamonn O'Keeffe leads the Guard in a traditional concert march. To the right, Doug Grant and Diane Reid, members of the Toronto branch of the Empire Loyalist Association of Canada, leaf through historical literature while dressed in traditional apparel.

LIZ BEDDALL METRO

GTA NEWS

Man dies after canoe flips in Grass Lake, Kearney

A 27-year-old Toronto man is dead after his canoe flipped over in a lake in Kearney, Ont., Sunday.

Almaguin Highlands OPP, Parry Sound EMS and Kearney Fire Department were called to Grass Lake around 1 p.m. Sunday after reports of a capsized canoe.

Two men were in the canoe when it overturned and neither was wearing a life jacket; one man managed to swim to shore. The other man was later found by the OPP Underwater Search and Recovery Unit.

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Saturday collisions in GTA leave four dead

Two separate collisions in the GTA early Saturday morning have left four people dead.

In the first incident, three people were killed in a fiery, single-vehicle collision near Pearson International Airport just after 4 a.m. The OPP said the crash occurred after the vehicle hit a guardrail.

The other collision occurred shortly afterwards on Dufferin St. south of Teston Rd. in Vaughan. Police say that a male cyclist was struck by a vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene.

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A forensic truck sits outside a St. James Town apartment building on Monday. Police were called to the scene of a stabbing, the city's latest homicide. COLE BURSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Stabbing stains quiet highrise

HOMICIDE

Victim's father appeared at the scene unaware of death: Police

A man in his 20s is dead and a second man has been charged with murder after a fatal stabbing in St. James Town early Monday.

Police investigators scoured the highrise at 135 Rose Ave. late Monday morning. A large bloodstain soaked a carpet on the second floor; bloody footprints were on the third.

Investigators were called just before 2 a.m. over what police called a "domestic incident." The men did not live together but knew each other in an "off-again, on-again" way, said Det. Sgt. Steve Ryan.

The victim was pronounced dead on scene. The suspect, now charged with second-degree murder, suffered minor stab wounds and was treated in hospital.

Police have spoken with the victim's father, who appeared at the building Monday morning apparently unaware of the homicide. Approached by a reporter, he expressed shock at the "sad" news someone had been killed. Soon after, he was seen being escorted to a police cruiser. Ryan said the father is doing "as bad as you would expect."

Residents in the building, situated across from a playground, say the complex is typically safe and full of families and seniors.

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DEATH

A 76-year-old man is dead after a stabbing at a home in Oshawa, police have confirmed.

One man has been taken into custody, police said. No further information was released Monday evening.

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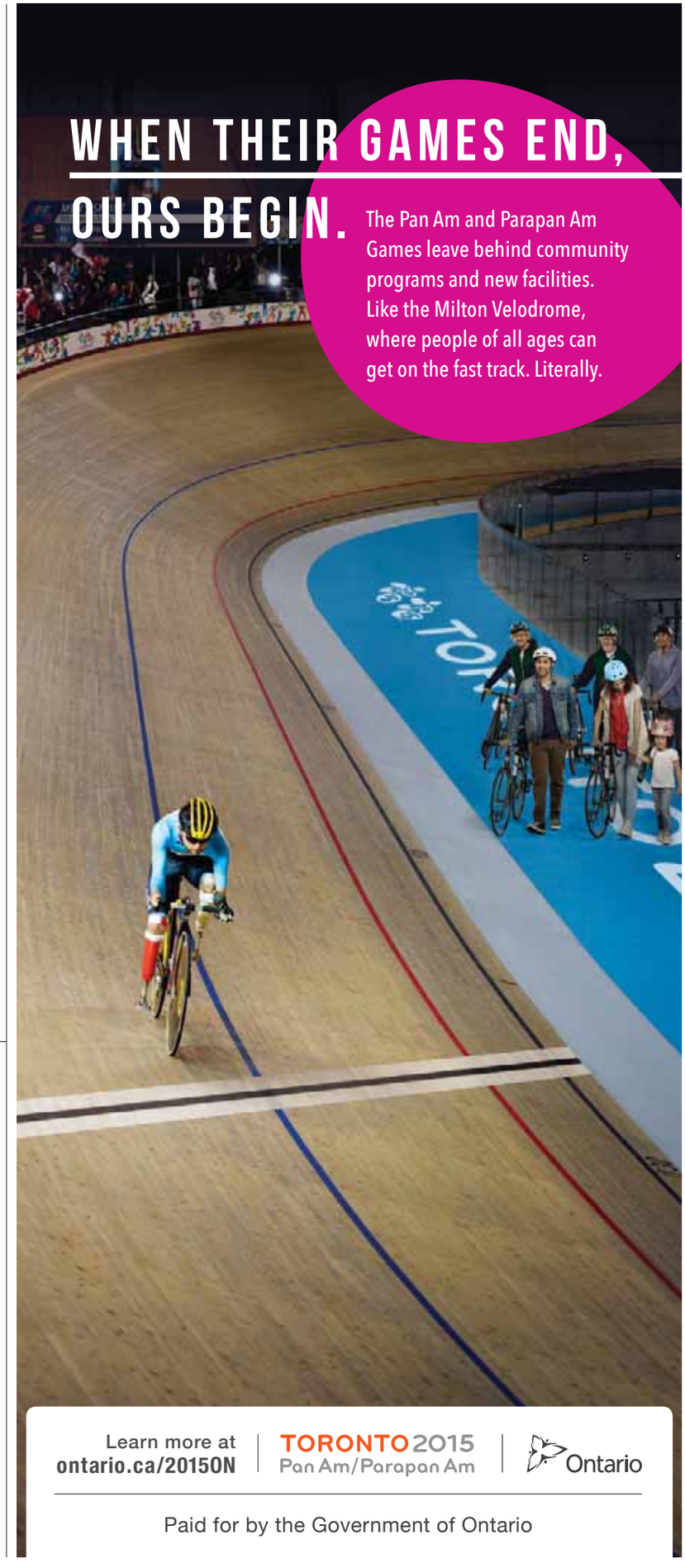
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Finding beauty in bleak places

PHOTOGRAPHY

Dale Ministries depicts hope and humanity in art exhibit

Gilbert Ngabo
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A Parkdale photo exhibition has produced something truly surprising.

As part of its effort to place marginalized residents at the core of its work, The Dale Ministries asked participants to take pictures of their surroundings. No one expected what they were about to see, said project leader Erinn Oxford.

"When you hear about The Dale and who the core of our community is, you might expect something pretty edgy, something difficult," she said. "Instead, people just thought of ways to show something beautiful."

That's revealing, she said. It's a sign that people, no matter the circumstances, share a strong need to find beauty in things.

Some people took portraits of themselves, as a reminder that we are all the same, she said.

"That's actually something The Dale wants to show again and again," Oxford said. "People are people."

The non-profit has been working in Parkdale for more than a decade, trying to make people who are struggling with poverty, addiction and mental health issues feel welcome.

The group organizes weekly drop-ins for lunch, coffee, conversation, art-making sessions and counselling.

The Dale Ministries has "no walls of its own," Oxford said. Like many of the people it serves, the organization itself is transient. Activities are organized at any given building across the neighbourhood or simply on the street.

While the concept was born due to a lack of resources, it actually works quite well with the group's objectives.

"We are a very obvious presence in the neighbourhood because we are outside," Oxford said.

"Having a sense of home doesn't require a building."
Erinn Oxford

Self and beauty: some of the images captured for The Dale Ministries' photo project. CONTRIBUTED

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Canada will be at trade talks: Harper

TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

PM promises election campaign won't interfere

It's a campaign promise of a different sort: Stephen Harper says he won't let his marathon ballot battle keep Canada out of a massive international partnership billed as the backbone of future global trade in the Pacific Rim.

Talks to establish the long-promised 12-country Trans-Pacific Partnership will continue and Canada will be there, Harper promised — notwithstanding the protracted 11-week election campaign triggered by the prime minister himself.

The partnership, "should it be concluded, will in our view form the fundamental trading network of the entire Asia-Pacific region," he said during a campaign stop in Laval, Que., north of Montreal.

"It is important that Canada remain at the table; we will remain at the table during this election campaign ... and we will make sure that should there be a deal, we will get the best possible deal for this country."

New Zealand officials told The Canadian Press last week that the talks likely wouldn't wait until after the campaign — a sentiment echoed in media reports Monday by John Key, Harper's New Zealand counterpart.

Taking questions on the first full day of the campaign, Harper said negotiators would continue to defend Canadian interests, notably the country's supply management system, which protects dairy producers.

Officials say last week's talks in Hawaii came close to reaching a deal — indeed, sources said the Conservatives were hoping to make an agreement a central feature of the party's campaign kickoff on Sunday.

Canada had offered to allow more dairy imports, but the offers were far from what New Zealand and Australia were asking for, officials said. Dairy-market access was one of several sticking points at the 12-country negotiations.

The Canadian economy remained a central theme of the Tory tour Monday.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper gets instructions on how to operate a machine that puts the finishing touch to a radiator. He was touring an industrial parts manufacturing plant Monday in Laval, Que. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ON THE ROAD

Where the leaders are today (Tuesday):

- Stephen Harper's itinerary was unavailable
- Tom Mulcair is heading to Montreal today
- Justin Trudeau will be campaigning in Mississauga, Ont. METRO

HITCHBOT

Creators mull rebuild after robot destroyed

The friendly Canadian hitchhiking robot that met its untimely end on the hard streets of Philadelphia might be given another chance at life.

HitchBOT's co-creators say they have been overwhelmed with support and offers to revive the child-sized robot since it was destroyed early Saturday and they are considering rebuilding it.

The robot was on a hitchhiking adventure in the U.S. after successful ventures in Canada and parts of Europe that saw strangers help hitchBOT travel from place to place while checking items off its bucket list.

This time, hitchBOT was dismembered before it could complete its goals — which this time included taking a selfie with the Hollywood sign and seeing the house from Pixar's "Up."

Frauke Zeller of Ryerson University and David Smith of McMaster University created hitchBOT and kept its adventures going as a social experiment with a number of their students.

Zeller said many people have reached out with offers to rebuild hitchBOT, and her team will make a decision on whether or not they will bring the robot back to life in coming days.

"We were taken quite by surprise because it's been going so well so far," she said.

"We don't really know what to do, so we have to sit down with the whole team and really see where we are and what can be done."

She said she knows the news has been heartbreaking for many of hitchBOT's fans, children and adults alike.

Since word got out, thousands of supporters have taken to social media to express their sadness and outrage: "I am incensed. I hope the perpetrators are found and punished. Long live the good memories. Hope to see you reincarnated soon!" wrote one Twitter user.

"If I could drive, I would have personally helped you across the USA and kept you safe," added another.

Smith said the robot's destruction is the exception to "many, many" unsupervised encounters that hitchBOT has had with strangers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

STUDY

Some cerebral palsy cases caused by genetic anomalies

Cerebral palsy, the most common cause of physical disability in children, has long been thought to result from brain injury in the fetus. But new Canadian research is challenging that notion, finding that at least one in 10 cases likely has an underlying genetic cause.

About two in every 1,000 babies born are affected by cerebral palsy. An estimated 50,000 Canadian children and adults have the condition, which leads to varying degrees of motor impairment, including muscle spasticity and involuntary movements.

Traditionally, cerebral palsy was believed to be caused by a stroke or infection of the brain in the developing fetus, or by birth asphyxia — a lack of oxygen to the infant during delivery.

But genetic testing of a group of affected children from across Canada found that in 10 per cent of cases, structural changes to the DNA appear to have given rise to the condition.

The research team, which includes physicians at the McGill University Health Centre in Montreal, performed genome sequencing tests on 115 children with cerebral palsy and their parents.

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DEVELOPMENT

UN aims to end poverty

The 193 member states of the United Nations have reached agreement on a new development agenda for the next 15 years that calls for eradicating poverty and hunger, achieving gender equality, improving living standards and taking urgent action to combat climate change.

The draft agreement reached Sunday evening outlines 17 goals with 169 specific targets on issues ranging from ending poverty "in all its forms everywhere" to ensuring quality education and affordable and reliable energy, and protecting the environment. The document — called Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development — will be adopted at a UN summit just before the annual meeting of world leaders at the General Assembly in late September.

The 17 new goals will succeed the eight Millennium Development Goals adopted by world leaders 15 years ago.

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U.S. President Barack Obama speaks at the White House about his Clean Power Plan. ANDREW HARNIK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama unveils his green plan

CLIMATE CHANGE

President sets strict limits for power plant emissions

U.S. President Barack Obama has announced even steeper greenhouse gas cuts from American power plants than previously expected, a challenge to the rest of the world to take serious action as a global summit to finalize a landmark climate change treaty approaches at the end of this year.

Obama's actions on climate change have faced opposition from Republicans and even some Democrats who fear the impacts on the U.S. economy.

Opponents plan to sue immediately, and to ask the courts to block the rule temporarily. The National Mining Association on Monday asked the Environmental Protection Agency to put the rule on hold while legal challenges play out.

The Obama administration last year proposed the first greenhouse gas limits on existing power plants in U.S. history, triggering a yearlong review. These final changes aim to address concerns raised by both environmentalists and the energy industry.

Some changes further cut the heat-trapping gases blamed for global warming. Other changes delay implementation and eliminate certain options that states could use to show they're cutting emissions, making it harder to comply.

Some states will be given a more lenient target, while others will have tougher targets to meet. The Obama administration has yet to disclose those state-specific targets. Many states, however, have threatened not to comply.

Power plants will have to attain an even lower level of carbon dioxide pollution to be in compliance. Obama's proposal from last year set the target as a 30 per cent nationwide cut by 2030, compared to the levels in 2005. His new plan calls for a 32 per cent cut in the same time period.

Power plants account for one-third of all U.S. emissions of heat-trapping gases.

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RENEWABLE

Plan banking on wind, solar energy sources

Obama's revised plan relies more heavily on renewable energy sources like wind and solar replacing dirtier coal-fired power plants. Obama now wants the U.S. to get 28 per cent of its power from renewables by 2030, compared to 22 per cent in his earlier proposal.

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‘Sense of panic’ in Greece

ECONOMY

Country’s main stock index takes dramatic dive

Greece’s top companies lost billions in market value in a matter of minutes on Monday, when the stock exchange plunged upon reopening after a five-week closure and investors worried over a dramatic new drop in the economy.

The main stock index shed more than 22 per cent soon after the open, as traders got their first opportunity since late June to react to the latest twists in the country’s economic drama.

The index closed 16.2 per cent lower, with bank shares hitting or nearing the daily trading limit of a 30 per cent loss.

“There’s a sense of panic,” said Evangelos Sioutis, financial analyst and head of equities at Guardian Trust. He noted some traders are selling stock merely to raise cash because there is so little liquidity in the Greek economy.

Employees of the Athens Stock Exchange look at stock prices in Athens, Greece, on Monday. Greece’s main stock index plunged more than 22 per cent as it reopened Monday after a five-week closure. YORGOS KARAHALIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

“There are no buyers,” he said. “The outlook is not clear.”

Markets in the rest of the world, however, were largely unaffected, a sign that investors outside Greece have now largely cut off ties with the country after years of crisis there. European shares closed higher.

> **There are no buyers. The outlook is not clear.**
> Evangelos Sioutis, head of equities at Guardian Trust

Greece’s stock market and banks were closed on June 29, when the government put limits on money withdrawals and transfers to keep a run on the banks from bringing down the financial system. People were panicking over the prospect that the country could fall out of the euro after its talks with creditors broke down.

Greece has since then resumed talks with creditors and reopened its banks. Strict limits on cash withdrawals remain, however.

Financial information company Markit said its gauge of manufacturing activity in Greece plummeted during the month to 30.2 points, its lowest ever reading, despite improvements across the rest of the 19-country eurozone.

“Manufacturing output collapsed in July as the debt crisis came to a head,” Markit economist Phil Smith said.

“Factories faced a record drop in new orders and were often unable to acquire the inputs they needed, particularly from abroad, as bank closures and capital restrictions badly hampered normal business activity.”

Meanwhile, a monthly survey of business and consumer confidence, the Economic Sentiment Indicator, fell for a fifth consecutive month in July to its worst level since October 2012.

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IN BRIEF

HSBC Canada’s Q2 earnings drop 6.2 per cent

HSBC’s Canadian subsidiary says its second-quarter profit was down 6.2 per cent from the same period of 2014 to $227 million CDN.

The bank said the decline for the three-month period ending June 30 was mainly due to margin compression, lower gains on financial investments and higher costs.

Profit attributable to the common shareholder was $161 million CDN for the second quarter, down 6.4 per cent compared with the same period a year earlier.

Return on average common equity was 14.0 per cent, compared with 15.6 per cent for the second quarter of last year.

Commenting on the results, HSBC Bank Canada president and CEO Sandra Stuart said “We are focused on growing our business in Canada. However, we do expect current challenges to continue including pressure on the oil sector and related industries and prevailing low interest rates.”

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TECHNOLOGY

Nokia secures $3.1 billion deal

A consortium of German automakers Audi, BMW and Daimler announced Monday it is buying Nokia’s HERE map business in a deal that values the unit at 2.8 billion euros ($3.1 billion) and secures their access to technology that could eventually be used for driverless cars.

Nokia, based in Finland, has refocused its business on producing equipment for wireless networks after selling its mobile phone handset operation to Microsoft Corp. The company said it expects to receive slightly over 2.5 billion euros from the sale, with the purchasers being compensated for HERE liabilities totalling nearly 300 million euros.

The three rival German automakers said that HERE is “laying the foundations for the next generation of mobility and location-based services.” They added that “for the automotive industry this is the basis for new assistance systems and ultimately fully autonomous driving.”

The automakers said in a joint statement that they will each hold an equal stake in HERE and “none of them seeks to acquire a majority interest.” They said that HERE’s management will remain independent, with the goal of being a platform “open to all customers.”

“With the joint acquisition of HERE, we want to secure the independence of this central service for all vehicle manufacturers, suppliers and customers in other industries” said Daimler CEO Dieter Zetsche.

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the big question

Should you be worried about picky eating?

Kids these days, with their trans-fat-free, glutenless organic yogurt. Or do yours only eat orange food? Picky eating might be maddening, but new research published in the journal Pediatrics has The Associated Press telling parents to "take heart ... the problem is rarely worth fretting over." On the other hand, the Wall Street Journal said it "may not be as harmless as is commonly believed." In actuality, the findings were fairly intuitive. If your two- to five-year-old kids complain about broccoli, there is little cause for concern. But, "severely picky" eaters — the three per cent of those studied who had difficulty eating with others due to their restrictions — were at least two times more likely to show symptoms of depression and social anxiety. No causation was shown.

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At last, an election where T.O. matters

ELECTION COMMENT

Matt Elliott

Here we go. Coming sooner than we expected and set to last longer than we'd probably like, Canada's 42nd federal election officially kicked off on Sunday.

For Toronto, as much as we'll get tired of the attack ads and lawn signs, let's see this as an opportunity.

Because with a bunch of seats up for grabs, our city is firmly in play.

This is a new thing. Traditionally, Toronto hasn't been much of a federal battleground. For years, ours was a town painted red, where Liberal candidates were assumed to dominate.

But things have changed.

In 2011, the Conservatives surprisingly won nine ridings in the city, mostly at the expense of the beat-up Liberals. They'd like to keep them. The NDP, meanwhile, should see an opportunity to establish themselves as the new left-wing standard-bearers in the 416.

And the Liberals? They'll be keen to portray the last election as just a weird thing that happened once. They want their city back.

None of this is surprising. Toronto's newfound electoral importance was clear even before the writ dropped.

In June, Conservative Leader Stephen Harper swung through town to commit an unprecedented $2.6 billion for Mayor John Tory's SmartTrack transit plan. Last week it became clear that the Liberals and NDP are prepared to wage war over the new Spadina–Fort York riding, with star candidates Adam Vaughan and Olivia Chow going toe-to-toe.

And it shouldn't escape anyone's notice that NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair has started routinely referring to Toronto as "Canada's most important city."

For voters, this renewed political focus is a chance to get federal politicians to focus on urban issues — and to present our demands.

Let's start with affordable housing. In recent years, the responsibility for building and maintaining affordable housing has fallen more to municipal governments like Toronto.

This makes little sense. Providing affordable housing is one of the surest ways to fight poverty. If any federal party is serious about inequality, they'd better be prepared to talk about how they'll pay for housing.

Then there's transit. Be ready to hear a lot from federal candidates about one-time funding for projects like SmartTrack. Nothing to scoff at, sure, but Toronto can do better than piecemeal transit funding announcements. Let's ask how the federal parties will ensure we can continually build transit for the next century.

Whether that's a national transit strategy or a dedicated infrastructure fund, it doesn't matter — as long as the parties provide details.

Luckily, on transit, housing and other key issues, Toronto voters are in a good position to demand the details.

By the time Election Day rolls around, all candidates are going to desperately want your vote. Make them work for it.

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Glyn Bowerman will return next week.

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Every time a friend of mine succeeds, a small part of me sighs

Mum says comparison is the quickest way to unhappiness.

I know she's right, but I can't stop it. And the worst is when I compare myself to friends.

The other day I listened to a friend recount a long list of creative projects she's accomplishing outside of a very busy job (a few zines, a few short stories, a blog), and secretly seethed.

I'm happy for her, but frustrated at myself. Part of that makes no sense (I've never wanted to make a zine) and part of it is all too familiar.

I completed a degree in creative writing, and since I started working in journalism, I've battled the idea that I'm failing somehow in comparison to friends who regularly write and publish their fiction and poetry.

We all want to be the best, or even just our best, but given how much some people seem to be able to accomplish in life, the high-water mark is murky.

Maybe my best is a dual career as a novelist and non-fiction writer, who also raises three kids, sings in a band and curates a home of well-chosen oddities from my travels.

It's surely more than I am doing right now, given that Netflix is my bedmate.

Or, maybe my best is to spend so much time with Netflix I become an unlikely pop-culture writer who parses the work of Ruby Rose for deeper human insight.

It's easy to avoid comparison to Rose herself. I never wanted to be an actor. It's much harder not to compare myself to my jet-setting reporter friend who is both kind and talented, or my powerhouse editor friend who will rule this insulated media town before too long. I do OK, because I love them and understand that we're different.

But the editor has fielded awkward treatment from women colleagues and friends less than comfortable with her success.

It seems that women know how to be friends, and know how to be professionals, but there is tension when the two entwine. Part of it, I think, is the sense that there's only room for so many women at the top. But every person jealous of a friend has to ask how much they value that friend. And if they do, they need to find a way to get over their jealousy.

My parents never told me what they want me to be, beyond a happy, good person. They haphazardly read this column, and are more concerned I call my grandmother; less concerned with my career trajectory.

So I have their example, as an antidote. And I bet I'll always need it.

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Politics overtake the cake

LAYERS OF MEANING

Bakeries slice up ideologies American style

It should be a piece of cake. Customer comes in, asks for a cake with a specific design or for a particular event, baker makes it, everyone's happy.

But sometimes customers and bakers have clashed over what goes on the cake, or whether to make it at all. An Oregon bakery was fined $135,000 for refusing to bake a cake for a lesbian couple's wedding. A baker in Colorado earned a customer's ire because she refused to write anti-gay messages on his cake. A Louisiana man posted a video to the Internet lambasting a local Wal-Mart for not making a cake with a Confederate flag on it.

Somehow, this mix of flour, butter, eggs and sugar with frosting on top has become yet another delivery system for American political debate, raising questions about where the customer's free speech ends and the baker's begins.

"Cake has had symbolic meaning in this country," even aside from politics, said Stephen Schmidt, food historian and writer for the Manuscripts Cookbook Survey. "We think of cake as something that can carry that meaning, whereas I don't think the French do."

But some political experts question whether frosting florets on a cake really are the best way to get your way of thinking out there. Would a strongly worded tweet, letter to the editor or yard sign be a better choice than the grand unveiling of the cake to the tune of Happy Birthday?

"There's got to be some kind of psychological profile of individuals who deem it important enough to have their politics on their cake," said Doug Muzzio, political science professor at Baruch College. "Have their cake and ideology, too."

Some of the most contentious fights have involved bakers who refused to make a cake for same-sex weddings, frays that have also entangled the likes of florists and photographers.

Bakery owners Aaron and Melissa Klein of Gresham, Ore., said their religious beliefs would be violated in 2013 if they made a wedding cake for a lesbian couple. The women filed a discrimination complaint and were awarded damages.

There's also been the reverse. Last year, when a customer wanted anti-gay messages on a cake, Marjorie Silva, owner of Azucar Bakery in Denver refused to do it. She told him that she would bake the cake, but that he would have to write his own messages.

"We're human beings, too; we have our beliefs, we should be respected," she said

Free speech issues have come into play in jurisdictions with laws banning discrimination against certain protected classes.

Some bakers have argued that being forced to make a cake for something that went against their religious beliefs was a form of compelled speech by the government, barred by the First Amendment.

But courts have ruled that a business open to the public has to be open to everyone.

"The answer so far that courts have given is, no, it's not coercion ... because you do have a choice" about whether to be in business to the public, said Nelson Tebbe, professor at Brooklyn Law School.

Images and words perceived as hateful have raised yet another flavour of cake fight.

A Louisiana man in June wanted a local Wal-Mart to make a cake with an image of the Confederate flag and the phrase "Heritage Not Hate," but was refused. Chuck Netzhammer then ordered a cake with a flag used by the Islamic State group, which he got. Wal-Mart apologized and said the cake was a mistake, made by an employee that didn't recognize the flag and what it represented.

In 2009, a New Jersey supermarket refused to make a cake for a child whose full name was Adolf Hitler Campbell. The boy's mother said the cake was eventually made by a store in Pennsylvania.

For some cake makers, it's not for them to go against the customers' wishes.

Stacey Leon, of New York City's Butterfly Bakeshop, said she and husband keep their personal feelings out of the oven. While they've never been asked to make a cake they thought was truly objectionable, they have made cakes for causes they don't personally believe in.

"If it's a political party that we don't agree with, that doesn't mean we're not going to make their cake," she said. "We just have to separate the way we feel from our business."

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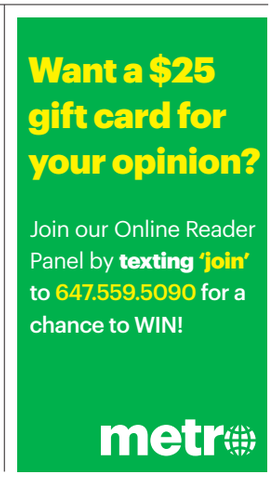

HONEST SUNSCREEN

Burned by Alba?

Customers who have used Jessica Alba's Honest sunscreen are red hot with rage after the organic product allegedly failed to protect them against the sun's dangerous rays. Unhappy sun-lovers shared photos of their horrific sunburns on social media, as reported by Buzzfeed. One irate customer, A. Hughes, wrote, "My family of five used this sunscreen yesterday and all five of us are very burnt. You might as well slather yourself in baby oil because this is how well it works!" Another customer posted a picture of his bald head on Twitter with the caption, "This is my very real result from Honest 30 SPF sunscreen. Only spent one hour outside. Burnt."

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CONSCIOUS UNCOUPLING

Paltrow disowns mocked term

Gwyneth Paltrow's trying to distance herself from the term conscious uncoupling, claiming she had nothing to do with it being used on her infamous Goop post. Sure, Gwyneth, whatever. "When I announced that I was separating on the website, (Goop editorial director Elise Loehnen) titled the piece Conscious Uncoupling, and I had no idea," she tells Fast Company.

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Will and Jada divorce rumours are back

RELATIONSHIPS

Couple ready to call it quits, anonymous source says

IN HOLLYWOOD
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Everything old is new again, including conclusive, concrete proof — from anonymous sources — that Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith are totally done as a married couple.

> **They're exhausted from trying to maintain the facade of a happy union.** Anonymous source, on Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith

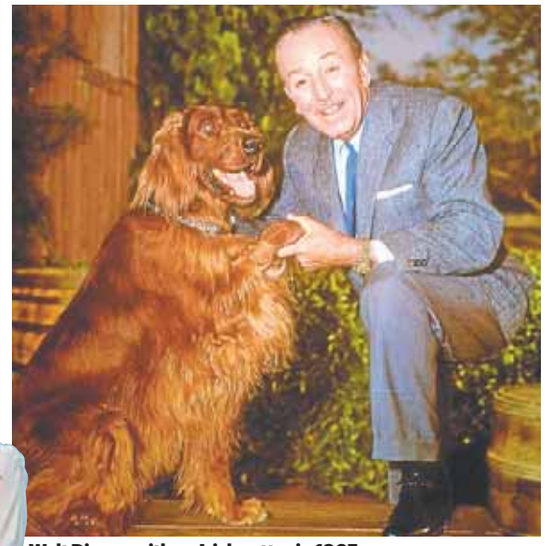
"For Will and Jada, holding it together these past few years has been tough because their marriage has been on life support for a long time," a source tells Radar Online. "They've decided to pull the plug in a carefully choreographed manner (and) agree announcing their split at the end of the summer is the right move." Of course, because August is generally a pretty quiet month, with lots of folks on vacation, and you wouldn't want to blow a big announcement then.

"They tried to fix things with therapy, (but) it's not happening," the source says. "They're already moving on with their lives. All that's left is the inking of the divorce papers," as they've already "worked out a confidential settlement to protect their $240-million fortune and prepare their kids for the fallout." Given all the false alarms there have been about this kind of thing over the years, you'd think they'd be pretty well prepared already.

ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

TV DOCUMENTARY

Walt Disney was not anti-Semitic: Expert panel



Walt Disney with an Irish setter in 1965. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Walt Disney was a complex figure, both celebrated and condemned, but allegations that he was a rabid anti-Semite are unproven, Disney experts said.

Talking to TV critics Sunday about a documentary on Disney set to air on PBS's American Experience in September, composer Richard Sherman (Disney's Mary Poppins, The Jungle Book) dismissed such lingering criticism outright.

It's "absolutely preposterous to call him anti-Semitic," said Sherman, the son of Jewish immigrants. He and his brother Robert, his writing partner, were treated like sons by Disney, he said.

Historian and social critic Neal Gabler, author of An Empire of Their Own: How the Jews Invented Hollywood, said he exhaustively researched Disney for the 2006 book Walt Disney: The Triumph of the American Imagination.

> **I saw no evidence other than the casual anti-Semitism that (was common to non-Jews during Disney's 20th-century era)** Historian Neal Gabler, author of An Empire of Their Own: How the Jews Invented Hollywood

"I saw no evidence other than the casual anti-Semitism that" was common to non-Jews during Disney's 20th-century era, Gabler said.

Sarah Colt, producer and director of the four-hour film airing Sept. 14 and 15, said a documentary she made about Henry Ford, whom she described as a "virulent anti-Semite," gave significant attention to his views.

But there wasn't any evidence that Disney held such attitudes, she said, although the label has been attached to the man who launched a still-expanding film, TV and theme park empire on the back of the Mickey Mouse cartoon character.

The panelists' agreement on that topic was in contrast with their differing views on other aspects of Disney's life and accomplishments.

"Everyone was terrified" of Disney as a boss, Gabler said, calling him a stern taskmaster. More than one panellist said that Disney didn't hesitate in firing workers. Another panellist said Disney treated his employees like family.

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ANOTHER AWKWARD VIDEO GOES VIRAL, THE BIEBS GETS A NEW CRUSH

Let's not make this a thing

It looks like that awkward Cara Delevingne interview with Good Day Sacramento started a trend, and that's a terrible, terrible thing. Now poor Fantastic Four stars Michael B. Jordan and Kate Mara are getting the same treatment, with a radio host peppering them with obnoxious questions about how an African-American guy and Caucasian girl playing brother and sister is weird. "Am I missing something? You're white and you're black. How does this happen?" Rickman asks. And after Jordan dignifies that with a response, Rickman moves in on Mara's locks: "You're way, way hot," he told her. "Why'd you cut the hair? Your hair was beautiful." Stay classy, Rock 100.5's Southside Steve Rickman.

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Bieber's hot for Ripa

Despite dating mostly just Selena Gomez, Justin Bieber apparently has a slightly different type of woman in mind, as he illustrated with a Throwback Thursday photo of Kelly Ripa in a bikini. "Wow, Kelly makes me feel some type of way," Bieber commented. "No disrespect, I know she's married!" Then he used the hashtag "big crush." Adorable? Kind of? So speaking of no disrespect, what did Ripa's husband, Mark Consuelos, think of the post? "I thought it was fantastic. I agreed with what he said. She makes me feel a certain way as well," he tells Andy Cohen. "What are you going to do? Be angry at Justin Bieber?"

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Chan wants to work with son

Action star Jackie Chan said that he wants to work with his son Jaycee on a movie and an album as they mend their relationship after Jaycee was imprisoned on a drug charge. Jaycee Chan was released from a six-month prison sentence in February after pleading guilty to allowing others to use marijuana at his Beijing apartment.

Jackie Chan, 61, said prison was good for his son because it made him mature and that their relationship has changed for the better. When filming the remake of The Karate Kid alongside Will Smith's teenage son Jaden Smith, Chan said he was struck seeing Will "helping his son to be in a movie, every day on the set."

"Why am I so stubborn? I have to help my son," Chan told The Associated Press.

The actor said he was looking for suitable movie projects for Jaycee, 32, and in the meantime his son would produce one of his records. He also said he hoped Jaycee would sing a duet with him on one of the tracks.

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ADVICE

Never act like a smug know-it-all, even if the boss is clueless

OFFICE RELATIONS

Eleni Deacon

They might in charge, but bosses don't always know best.

Maybe you're responsible for your organization's social media feeds, while your superior has never sent a tweet.

Or you could be the number-cruncher at a company where the CEO can't grasp basic math. When your understanding of your niche has your boss beat, articulating your needs and processes can be frustrating.

Here's how to navigate the knowledge gap.

First step: attitude check

Just because your manager lacks expertise in your area of specialization doesn't mean they're unintelligent or unqualified to lead.

High-ranking supervisors, especially if they are responsible for a range of teams across different departments, are likely more concerned with big-picture functioning than the nitty-gritty of individual positions.

So while your capabilities may far surpass your superior in certain domains, they probably possess a toolbox of skills you don't have.

After all, your boss' job isn't to do your job — it's to oversee your work.

Filling the cognitive holes

Which doesn't mean clueless leadership can't interfere with your day-to-day.

If you find yourself aggravated by your manager's missing intel, take it upon yourself to fill those cognitive holes. Adopt an informative approach, in which you provide thorough (and easy-to-follow) detail on the task or problem at hand, carefully outlining your favoured approach.

It might be tempting — and even self-satisfying — to passive-aggressively seethe over your boss' flimsy foundation in your particular sphere of interest.

But your work will go smoother if you arm them with the knowledge you wish they had.

Important: While offering your information, swap confrontation for collaboration. You may consider yourself smarter than your boss. Your relationship might be strained due to a perceived — or even real — lack of appreciation for your stresses and duties.

But if you want to educate the highers-up, don't act fed up. Be generous and patient with your explanations, and avoid smug or sarcastic comments.

Be an ally, not an enemy

During meetings, it may be a struggle not to roll your eyes — but you'll get a lot further if you establish yourself as an ally.

An oblivious boss can be a bummer — but they also represent an opportunity.

Instead of thinking of your uninformed manager as a nuisance, think of this situation as a chance to demonstrate your capabilities and authority within your professional realm.

Make your boss dependent on your insights, and your standing will rise. Then maybe, when the timing is right, you'll be made the boss.

"Help, I'm smarter than my boss!"

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FEMINISM

For workplaces to be truly equal, men need to step up

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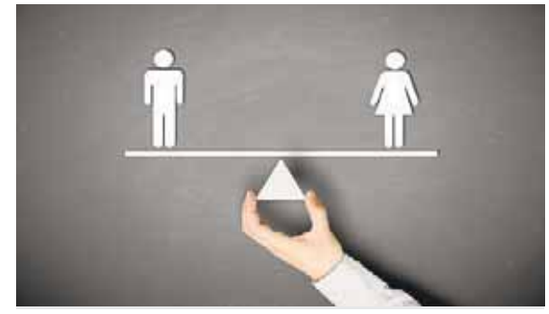

Men can do their part to make workplaces more equal. ISTOCK

Men, 2015 is the year you help women advance in the workplace. Despite a steady — but slow — increase in the number of women in high-ranking board positions, women in the working world are not advancing nearly as quickly as their male counterparts.

Men, however, can help.

"It's important for men (to get involved) because they control more of the influence and the power," says Hattie Hill, president and CEO of the Women's Foodservice Forum, which focuses on the leadership of women in companies like Kraft and Kellogg.

Hill spoke with Metro about four key ways men can help women break the glass ceiling.

Pay attention

Hill says that, for starters, men can increase their overall awareness about the issue by paying attention to workplace practices. Take note of the types of work females are assigned, ask them questions and get their opinions.

Give women more responsibilities/tougher tasks

Men in more powerful and senior positions should take advantage of their position to give more responsibilities and challenges to female staffers. An act as small as giving a female employee two or three extra things to do or switching up some of her tasks can get the ball rolling, says Hill. For example, if you notice a woman constantly taking meeting notes, delegate that task to someone else and give her another responsibility.

Shut down mansplaining

"If you're in a board meeting and a woman says something, and then a man comes back and says the same thing, you can speak up and say, 'You know, Mary just said that. Thank you, Mary, for that comment,'" Hill says. "It's changing the communication to be more effective."

Ask questions

Engage the women around you. "Ask them, in terms of your industry or your organization, 'What do you think we need to change?'" Hill says. Women in your workplace know the workings of the company and the politics of the work environment; they just haven't been asked about them yet.

Why your credit score is a big deal

IN YOUR BEST INTEREST

When it's time to borrow, a poor score will cost you

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Score at your financial life by understanding the importance of your credit score. ISTOCK

If you're like a lot of Canadians, the most important score in your life is the score in the hockey game last night. Your credit score might not make the priority list at all.

Your credit score is only important if you ever want to borrow money to buy a house, a car, or anything else. It can also be a pretty significant factor in determining if you can rent a decent place (depending on the landlord). So if you don't mind living with your parents and taking public transit the rest of your life (an excellent wealth-building plan if you can stomach it), then your credit score might not be that significant.

For the rest of us, that little three-digit number can quickly become a mountainous obstacle if ignored for too long.

Even if your score isn't quite bad enough to completely prevent you from purchasing a car or a house, the difference it can make in regards to the interest rates you pay can mean thousands of extra dollars leaving your pocket.

Here's an example — two buddies each set out to buy their first car:

Johnny Savealot has a credit score of 775 after a few years of paying his bills on time and never borrowing more than he can repay at the end of the month.

John's buddy, Jimmy Yolo, has a credit score of 450. He's not too worried about money stuff like paying bills on time because it isn't what's really important in life. When he gets the third notice on his cellphone bill, or the landlord threatens to kick him out, he scrapes together the cash and it always seems to work out.

If John and Jim each want to purchase identical $20,000 (taxes included) used vehicles, and they each borrow $16,000 to do so, they will eventually pay very different overall prices for exactly the same car.

If John gets a 60-month loan at 4 per cent interest, he will pay back his $16,000 original debt, plus roughly $1,700 in interest payments.

Jimmy will have to get a subprime car loan because he is considered a higher risk and will have to settle for a 60-month loan at 20 per cent interest. He will be paying back the same $16,000 original debt over 60 months as Jim, but with about $9,400 in interest payments over that same stretch.

Obviously if a credit score can have that sort of impact on a car purchase, it can make a massive difference when it comes to mortgage payments on a house (if you can find a lender at all).

Don't be a Johnny Yolo; understanding how credit works will make that one life you have to live a lot more enjoyable.

Kyle Prevost is a personal finance writer helping people save and invest at YoungandThrifty.ca.

CHECK IT OUT

Credit score tips

- Check your score regularly with the two credit reporting agencies: Transunion and Equifax. Make sure there are no errors.
- Pay your credit cards off at the end of every month. In a worst-case scenario at least make the minimum payment.
- Don't skip payments on utilities or consumer debt. The credit agencies are generally much more diligent than any policing agency, and they will find out.

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UFC champ Ronda Rousey is slated to star in a biopic based on her memoir

IN BRIEF

Bills GM sees progress but won't give timetables

The Bills have exchanged contract proposals with defensive tackle Marcell Dareus, though no deal is imminent.

General manager Doug Whaley is confident a front-runner will emerge in Buffalo's three-way quarterback competition. And Whaley has no intention to rush starting cornerback Leodis McKelvin onto the field until he's fully recovered after aggravating an injury to his right ankle.

Those were among the issues Whaley touched upon three days into training camp, though he declined to share timetables to resolve any of those concerns. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Maple Leafs sign Bernier to two-year contract

As the Toronto Maple Leafs launch into a full-scale rebuild, they've signed Jonathan Bernier for two important years to see if he's their goaltender of the future.

Jonathan Bernier
GETTY IMAGES

Bernier signed an $8.3-million US, two-year deal Sunday after going to arbitration but before the ruling could come down. He'll count $4.15 million against the salary cap for the next two seasons as the organization continues to evaluate what they have in the 26-year-old. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brazil schools to develop water cleanup strategy

Rio de Janeiro Gov. Luiz Fernando Pezao signed a deal Monday with several Brazilian universities and research institutes to develop a plan for cleaning up the polluted waters of the city's sewage-strewn Guanabara Bay, where Olympic sailing events will be held.

Pezao hailed the deal as a "very important step" toward the long-promised cleanup, which has dragged on for more than 20 years with little progress.
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Price is money in debut

MLB

New Blue Jays ace strikes out 11 batters over eight innings

The Twins managed just one run off of David Price on Monday at Rogers Centre. FRED THORNHILL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

David Price Day had everything from rousing ovations and powering strikeouts to the thrill of danger and the offensive explosion the Toronto Blue Jays are known for.

Thanks to 11 strikeouts from Price in eight strong innings, his debut was also a 5-1 victory against the Minnesota Twins that put the Blue Jays in a tie for an American League wild-card spot.

"I just wanted to go out there and have fun, pitch as deep as possible into the game and keep it close for our offence," a smiling Price said. "I'm definitely thrilled with the way today went."

Price was dominant all afternoon, especially after he gave up a home run to Torii Hunter in the second and loaded the bases with no outs in the fourth. The ace left-hander acquired last week from the Detroit Tigers showed why the Blue Jays were willing to pay a hefty price, retiring the final 15 batters he faced.

"The place was alive," manager John Gibbons said of Price getting out of the bases-loaded jam. "That's hard to do. I don't care how good a pitcher you are. That's real hard to do. But he pulled it off and really ran from there."

As he walked off the mound following his 119th pitch, Price tipped his cap to the sellout crowd of 45,766 at Rogers Centre that fixated on and adored his every move. His 11 strikeouts tied a franchise record for a pitcher making his debut, and he allowed just three hits and two walks.

"That's what an ace does," said second baseman Ryan Goins, who hit a solo home run.

Price brushed off the strikeout record and said he would've rather gotten all 27 outs. But the way he dazzled the crowd contributed to the buzz on the holiday Monday in Toronto.

MONDAY In Toronto

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Running off the experiences in his career from the 2008 World Series run with the Tampa Bay Rays through last year's playoffs with the Tigers, Price put his Blue Jays debut at the top of the list.

"That was the best atmosphere I've ever been in," Price said. "I've pitched in quite a few big games, but that atmosphere today, that takes the cake. I've never experienced anything like that. That was cool."

When Price was in the dugout, the lineup Josh Donaldson confidently declared the best in baseball got to Minnesota starter Ervin Santana and the bullpen to the tune of eight hits and two home runs. In addition to Goins, Donaldson hit a two-run home run, his 27th of the season, and later heard chants of "M-V-P."

"It's not like we've seen it a couple times," Gibbons said of Donaldson's power. "He's been doing it all year."
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Renewed ticket demand leaves some fans on bench

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

All roads led into Rogers Centre Monday afternoon — except for some, the road only ended on the outside.

The debut of new Blue Jays pitcher David Price was expected to draw loads of fans into the stands. Tickets sold out very early and scalpers quickly spiked prices.

"This is a little frustrating," said Michael Johnson, a Toronto resident who has attended three games this season and has followed the team's recent rejuvenation with keen interest.

A Blue Jays fan "from head to toe," Johnson said he had expected the ticket war to be quite heavy, but not to the point where scalpers would charge more than double the regular ticket prices.

"That's just how Toronto is. They always jack up prices and take advantage of fans," he said. "Pretty sad."

Dozens more were still wandering outside Rogers Centre late into the game. Some would throw their arms up in celebration every time the public announcer reported some success from inside.

> **"That's just how Toronto is. They always jack up prices and take advantage of fans.**
> Michael Johnson

Under the shade on a nearby bench, a clearly dejected young family of four was already devising a new plan for the rest of the afternoon.

"I guess it's a good thing in a way. It's great for Toronto but obviously a disappointment for us," said David Savage.

On vacation from Notre-Dame-de-Grâce in Montreal, the Savages were hoping not only to catch a game, but also grab a few Russell Martin bobbleheads. The Jays catcher grew up in the same neighbourhood and eight-year old Usher currently plays in the same house league Martin played for.

They'd come back for Tuesday's game, they resolved, hoping tickets won't skyrocket as well.

"We should have a team in Montreal so we don't have to travel all the way to Toronto to see a baseball game," said an upset Usher.

"We still support the Blue Jays though, they kept it going while Montreal didn't," quipped his mother Marie.

Nearly an hour after the game's first pitch, Luke Whiteside from Oshawa dashed to the gate, flashing a $24 ticket a scalper sold him for $50.

"Took me three hours. I'm excited," he said.

CFL TICATS TAME ARGOS Toronto Argonauts linebacker Gregory Jones tackles the Tiger-Cats' Brandon Banks during the first-half of Monday's game in Hamilton. The Ticats won 34-18. PETER POWER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

United back on the hunt

PREMIER LEAGUE PREVIEW

Red Devils contenders again ahead of new season

For a club of Manchester United's standing, two years out of the Premier League title conversation is two too many.

There are reasons to be optimistic that the run won't stretch to a third season, even though the 20-time English champions head into the new campaign with as many questions as answers.

Louis van Gaal is starting his second season in charge and feels his philosophy is beginning to permeate the club. The Dutchman believes his squad is better balanced after the off-season signings of midfielders Bastian Schweinsteiger and Morgan Schneiderlin, right back Matteo Darmian, forward Memphis Depay and goalkeeper Sergio Romero.

Throw in its return to the Champions League and another strong set of pre-season results, including a win against European champion Barcelona, and there's every reason to feel United should improve on seventh- and fourth-place finishes in the last two seasons.

Newcomer Memphis Depay will be counted on to compliment Wayne Rooney in the Man United attack. STEPHEN LAM/GETTY IMAGES

Not everything is rosy at Old Trafford, though.

United looks short up front following the departure of Robin van Persie and Radamel Falcao. Wayne Rooney starts the season as the club's only senior striker, although the currently injured Javier Hernandez is back from his loan spell at Real Madrid.

David de Gea, arguably United's best player last season and the main reason the team is back in the Champions League, remains a question mark. The is heavily linked with a move to Madrid and has barely featured in pre-season.

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A person told AP on condition of anonymity that Manchester United have sold Angel Di Maria to Paris St. Germain for a transfer fee "in the region of 63 million euros ($69 million US)."

And Van Gaal has acknowledged his squad still the lacks the kind of star attacking quality that is sprinkled throughout European heavyweights Barcelona, Madrid and Bayern Munich.

"We can use much more creativity," Van Gaal said during the pre-season U.S. tour.

United's first task this season will be to win its Champions League playoff at the end of August to advance to the group stage. Another of Van Gaal's priorities will be to start better than last year, with United's title chances virtually over after picking up just 13 points in the opening 10 rounds.

If that happens, United could yet be back as a genuine contender in the title race, as it should be after spending about 230 million pounds ($360 million US) on new signings in the last 12 months. As it stands, there is a feeling that Chelsea will again be too strong for United this season, perhaps even Manchester City and Arsenal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Becky Hammon believes the possibilities are limitless for women coaching in pro sports.

One year ago this week, she broke the gender barrier, becoming the first full-time paid female assistant coach in the NBA. Now Hammon's happy to see she's no longer the only woman in the profession.

Nancy Lieberman accepted an assistant coaching job the other day with the Sacramento Kings, and the Arizona Cardinals made Jen Welter the NFL's first female coach last week.

"I think anything is possible," Hammon said Sunday before the New York Liberty honoured her at a game. "Just because something's never been done doesn't mean it can't be done. Leadership has no gender. The point is, do you know basketball? Do you know what it takes to lead people?"

Clearly for Hammon, the answer was yes. The 5-foot-6 former WNBA star once hoped to play in the NBA. Now she's a trailblazer of a different sort.

"If you have a daughter, or even a woman in your life, it is worth supporting because of the bigger picture, because of the opportunities it will lead to down the road for little girls," Hammon said. "We're not asking the male to get up and leave his seat. We're just saying scoot over a little bit. Make a little room at the table for the ladies."

> **"I hope we get to the point in society where this is not news any more.**
> Becky Hammon

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver sees Hammon and Lieberman as the start of something. He has "no doubt" there will be a female head coach one day.

"I think just like we've seen enormous change in our society, just in the last decade, I think that's another ceiling, another barrier that will be broken," Silver said last month. "And it takes women like Becky being out there. You need pioneers, and there's been other pioneers before her, but I think you couldn't ask for more of a complete package in terms of former player, student of the game and someone who's able to work within a strong organization like the Spurs."

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Becky Hammon celebrates after the Spurs' summer league team's championship win over the Phoenix Suns on July 20 in Las Vegas. JOHN LOCHER/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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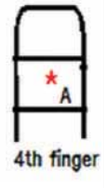

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- 3 Tbsp light sour cream
- 2 Tbsp chopped dill
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice
- Salt and pepper
- 1 oz crumbled feta cheese
- Dash of red chili flakes or chipotle chili powder

Directions

1. Grill corn for about eight to 10 minutes, just until barely tender.

2. On a large plate, combine mayonnaise, sour cream, dill, lemon juice and salt and pepper.

3. Roll corn into mixture coating well. Sprinkle with feta cheese and red chili flakes.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 180
- Protein 6 g
- Carbohydrates 29 g
- Fibre 7 g
- Total fat 4.5 g
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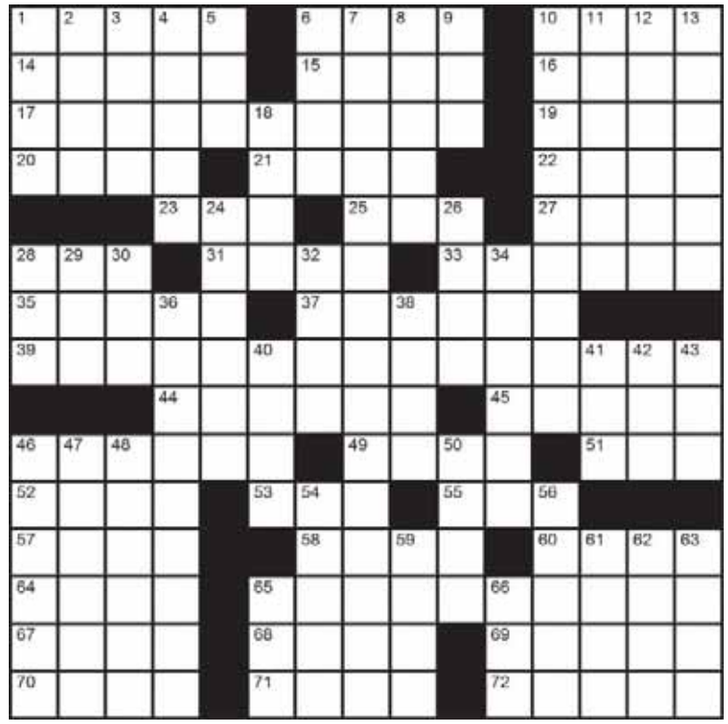

ACROSS
1. Move effortlessly across the dance floor
6. Earl Grey stirrers, e.g.
10. Aussie footwear
14. Bathroom cleanser
15. Shar-_ (Some dogs)
16. Movie part
17. Canadian musician/producer whose credits include being the bandleader on "Open Mike with Mike Bullard" and "Canadian Idol": 2 wds.
19. Men's cologne brand
20. Mexico currency
21. Golf tap
22. Mine passage
23. Elvis record label
25. Best, _-rated
27. Zippo
28. Dusk, to Donne
31. Toothbrush brand, _-B
33. Citrus fruit
35. Thundery event
37. Coffee machine, when the brewing is done
39. "The _ _" (1993 Kiefer Sutherland swashbuckler)
44. Beard style
45. More shipshape
46. Like surveillance footage at times
49. Hurried office memo letters
51. Friend, in France
52. Units in a gym user's set
53. Fireplace residue
55. Born, in wedding announcements
57. Dismounted
58. Tightly stretched
60. Quote
64. Wedding cake level
65. 1984 hit for Canadian band Honeymoon Suite: 3 wds.
67. Past person of Peru
68. Sacred looped cross
69. Rushing
70. At no time, in verse
71. Bruce Springsteen's nickname, The _
72. Aquatic mammal

DOWN
1. Lump of food
2. Ancient harp
3. Ancient Egyptian goddess
4. Giver
5. _ Lilly and Company
6. "Heart and Soul" '80s group
7. NFL team for Canadian tight end Luke Willson: 2 wds.
8. Prefix to 'graph' (Cave drawing, for instance)
9. Angry cat's noise
10. City/downtown: 2 wds.
11. 1992 Barenaked Ladies album
12. Using the paste
13. Glam furniture piece
18. Tussle
24. "Who do you think you're kidding?": 2 wds.
26. Vatican guy
28. Founded [abbr.]
29. Shakespearean suffix
30. Swed. neighbour
32. Adjoin
34. Enter again, using a computer keyboard
36. Official records keeper
38. Laboriously makes a living
40. Poet Ms. Angelou
41. Prohibition _
42. "Losing My Religion" b.a.n.d.
43. Mister, in India
46. Au _ (Way to serve scalloped potatoes)
47. Provide the coat with a new interior, say
48. For each one
50. Against
54. Secretarial skill, shortened
56. Acclaim
59. "Icky-poo!" equivalents
61. Research facil.
62. Carry
63. Washstand container
65. Apprehend
66. P, to Socrates

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
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Taurus April 21 - May 21
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Gemini May 22 - June 21
Don't worry if you have been unable to get through to loved ones because today's Venus-Jupiter union will make words redundant. They will see by the look in your eyes that your feelings for them have grown.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
There are things you have been unable to do of late but they will now come easy to you. In fact, there is nothing you cannot accomplish if you want it enough. Just don't waste time chasing what you don't need.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Your confidence will improve, especially in one-to-one relationships. All the doubts, fears and anxieties of the past will be swept away by what takes place over the next few days.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Take stock of where you have been and where you intend to go in the very near future. Don't worry that you cannot make things happen immediately. There is no need to rush.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You are more likely to reach the top of your chosen profession if you are prepared to work as part of a team rather than try to do everything yourself. Share the workload today.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
No one can get the better of you now, you are just too sharp. On the work front especially, your star is on the rise and people in positions of authority are watching you closely.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
No matter what certain people may be telling you there is every chance that you will taste success over the next few days. But it's only a chance, it's not guaranteed. Get up and out and make things happen.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
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Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
No matter how many upheavals there have been lately, what happens today will put everything in perspective. You have precious little to worry about.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Get things done. Even if you prefer to leave the nuts and bolts to other people you will actually enjoy taking care of details today. Just don't lose sight of the bigger picture.

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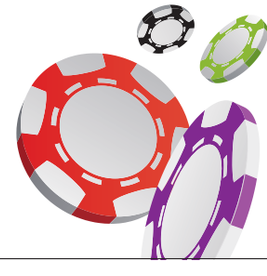

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